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EDITORIALS

NO OPPOSITION

Attention should be called to the fact that Watkins M. Abbitt, the new Fourth District Congressman, faces no opposition this year to election for a full two year term. Mr. Abbitt was elected over three opponents in February to fill out the unexpired term of the late P. H. Drewry. The Republicans may or may not offer a candidate in the general election in November. Mr. Abbitt has been declared the Democratic nominee.

In supporting Mr. Abbitt in the February election, we felt that he was the type of young man who would win the support of all elements in the district and who would win many terms in order that he might gain in influence in the nation's law-making body. We are pleased to note that his work thus far has borne out that belief.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

U. S. POLITICAL ILLITERACY

Christian Science Monitor

What is the rate of political illiteracy in the United States? The sorrowful answer must be: High. Public opinion polls have indicated that fewer than half of American adults know how many United States senators there are from each state. Half of them have never heard of Harold E. Stassen. Two-thirds of them don't know where Greece is, and 40 per cent don't know who General Franco is.

Young Americns who have gone abroad are frequently amazed at the avid political interest of their contemporaries in other lands. As one of them wrote last year during a summer of working in Europe with Europeans: "Why, her it's politics and economics from morning until night."

Why this greater interest in public affairs in older lands? Doubtless because the pressure of need, of past history, of limited national resources and conflicting national interests leaves no comfortable margin of indifference for the individual. But in today's shrunken world the margin for American indifference has shrunk, too.

Educators are aware of this and doing what they can. Two world wars and an atom bomb should be powerful educators also. The pressure of world events on American resources, which are far from inexhaustable, has now reached the point where every American should realize that he can not live to himself alone.

TWO OTHER JUNES

New York Times

However depressing the international scene may appear to some this June Sunday of 1948, it requires no lengthy delving into the past to recall other Junes when matters were infinitely worse. We need not go back very far.

Four years ago today the greatest sea invasion in history was just getting under way, the Allied landings on the beaches of northern France. On June 6, 1944, the Normandy beachheads were strewn with the bodies of American, British, Canadian, French and German dead. Whether the landings would be successful, whether a breach would be driven through the intricate fortifications Hitler had thrown up around his Fortress Europe, still was to be answered. The world world held its breath in agonizing suspense. Today children play in the ruins of old gun emplacements and clamber over the rusting hulks of battered and abandoned tanks. The English Channel lies calm and peaceful under the June sun. Are matters not better with us today than then?

Let us go back two years beyond that, to June 6, 1942. Off the pinpoint atoll of Midway in the Central Pacific, 1,200 miles northwest of Pearl Harbor, the two remaining undamaged carriers of the United States Pacific Fleet and their escorts were pursuing westward the massed fleets of Japan that had attempted two days before to seize Midway and thus menace America's main Pacific base and its control of the Central Pacific. That effort was the high water mark of Japanese advances in the Pacific. It was a steady retreat for Japan from Midway to defeat and surrender three years and two months later. Many were to die before that end was achieved, but Midway was the turning point. Are matters not better with us today than on June 6 six years ago?

This date we will might make a second Memorial Day, a day on which to renew our vow that there shall never again be the necessity for America's sons to die on the Normandy beaches or off Midway As Joseph Auslander wrote in his beautiful tribute to the war dead in this newspaper a week ago: "Have mercy on our souls if we should fail once more, dear Lord, to merit sons like these!"

POPULATION RACE

Petersburg Progress-Index

The Portsmouth Star sees Virginia cities as engaged in a population race. It claims third place for Portsmouth, with an estimated 91,800, resulting from annexation of part of Norfolk County, but finds the status insecure. Arlington County, seeking incorporation as a city, looks forward to a population of 120,000, while Roanoke's suit to annex a portion of Roanoke County if successful would give it a figure of 100,000. Thus Portsmouth may drop from third to fifth place.

OPTIMISTS CAUSE OF GREATNESS OF AMERICA

One of our historical writers has pointed out that one of the secrets of our national greatness is the fact that in the beginning the optimists from all over the world came to the Americas. They had the courage to break old ties and launch out into the unknown. They were not only willing to take a chance. They were actuated by faith and hope. They left the pessimists at home, afraid to go along on a great adventure.

It is well to remember that heritage of faith and hope. Great business structures arose because people were imbued with that sort of outlook. It is that kind of thing which "wins successes. It was with this spirit that we became the strong, adaptable, aggressive and progressive people we are....

This is as true of communities as it is individuals. Communities are built through hope in the future, faith in our own impulses and abilities.

It is faith, and hope, and courage which do the constructive things in life. —Madrid (Iowa) Register News.

A COMMUNITY ASSET

Just in passing we would like to drop this thought that any business in the community that provides a way for folk to make an honest living is an asset to the community and needs the support of everyone in the community. —Eddyville (Iowa) Tribune.

CANDID COMMENT

Wall Street Journal

Some people are like rivers. Whatever is in them comes out at the mouth. Others are like buttons —always popping off at the wrong time.

Many town and city elections were held Tuesday.

Senator Capper not to run for re-election to Senate.

Senate battle shapes over cut in ERP funds by House.

Four die as Texas hotel burns.

U. S. scientists study Artic for military data.

Election sought for North Korea.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D.D.

SCRIPTURE: Esther.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 44:1-8

Esther's Zeal For Her People

Lesson for June 13, 1948

GEORGE MEREDITH has a line that runs like this, "God's rarest blessing is, after all, a good woman." In this study of Esther,

Dr. Newton

you may wish to think of her primarily as a courageous woman — most people do, I guess. But back of her courage was a solid goodness, else she would never have been able to say, "And if I perish, I perish."

One must read the Book of Esther, of course, to have any grasp of this great story. It requires but a few minutes, and every reader will be richly rewarded. I have a lawyer friend, a prodigious reader, who tells me that once each month, for the past 50 years, he has read the Book of Esther.

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A QUEEN WHO WAS BRAVE

DANIEL, we agreed, was a brave person; but not more brave than Esther. There is a verse in Hebrews 13:6 that serves admirably to interpret this first stage of Esther's manifest courage, "The Lord is my helper."

We go to the palace in Shushan, where reigned Ahasuerus. His kingdom stretched from India even unto Ethiopia. His queen, Vashti, refused to come before him when he had made a feast. As a result of this refusal, the king ordered young maidens brought before him that he might chose a new queen. There was in the court a Jew, Mordecai, who had been brought there from Jerusalem. He had in his care the daughter of his uncle, a beautiful maiden, named Esther. Mordecai saw here a great opportunity and he brought her before the king. She was chosen. This brief sketch accounts for her position.

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A QUEEN WHO HELPED HER PEOPLE

HAMAN, who was next to the king in authority, discovering that Mordecai was a Jew and was not worshipping as Haman had commanded, caused a decree to be issued which would put to death all the Jews in the kingdom. Mordecai, learning of this decree, sent word secretly to Esther, urging her to intercede on behalf of her people to the king.

Here is the heart of the story. Space does not permit a detailed recital. It is sufficient to say that Esther, though still in her early twenties, managed this delicate situation with such skill that the gallows which Haman had built for Mordecai turned out to be the instrument of death for Haman and his sons. Instead of the Jews being slaughtered, those who had planned the death of all the Jews lay dead.

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ESTHER RISKED ALL AND WON ALL

IF EVER there was a perfect illustration of staking one's all on one great moment, Esther provides such illustration. "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" said Mordecai as he bolstered her nerve.

It is such a challenge as young people may be facing today. Obviously, the moment now confronting us calls for great faith and great sacrifice if this world is to be saved from utter destruction. It may be that this situation calls for hitherto unknown tactics. And let us pray God there is somewhere an Esther.

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THE MESSAGE OF ESTHER

WHICH leads me to suggest that racial hatred was never more bitter than at this moment. Unless the winds of God blow, unless some mighty manifestation of divine intervention is granted, the world will break up on the rocks of prejudice and selfishness and ambition and all the forms and fashions of sin.

"God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform." Let us pray that we may early witness some mighty stroke of his mercy and deliverance, ere the night let down.

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Atomic Hope

Terrifying as is the prospect of atomic energy running wild in the hands of a generation of men morally and spiritually unprepared to handle it, even more thrilling is the prospect of a Divine Will subjecting even such a diabolic thing as the atomic bomb to discipline and control.

Farm Topics

Excessive Use of Lime Exhausts Soil Fertility

Specialist Warns Other Plant Foods Required

Liming can exhaust rather than rebuild soil fertility, unless lime is accompanied by the return of other needed plant food elements to the soil, declares Dr. William A. Albrecht, University of Missouri.

"Up to the present time in our land use," says Dr. Albrecht, "we have been putting limestone on our

soils under the mistaken belief that its benefits rested only in reducing soil acidity. We have gone ahead with our campaign with the idea that lime is all that is needed, and that if a little is good, more will be better.

"This generous use of lime has helped produce more protein in legume forage and other crops. But the added crop production has used up other plant food elements. Among these potash has been the most prominent.

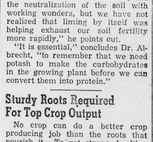
"We have credited the lime and the neutralization of the soil with working wonders, but we have not realized that liming by itself was helping exhaust our soil fertility more rapidly," he points out.

"It is essential," concludes Dr. Albrecht, "to remember that we need potash to make the carbohydrates in the growing plant before we can convert them into protein."

Sturdy Roots Required For Top Crop Output

No crop can do a better crop producing job than the roots that nourish it. To get strong, healthy, bushel-boosting growth above the ground, you have to have a sturdy root development below the surface.

Roots need plenty of "living room" to stretch out for moisture,



air and plant nutrients. They need room not only in the plow layer, but also in the subsoil below.

It takes plenty of organic matter to keep a clay or loam soil roomy, well drained and ventilated. Part of that organic matter is burned up every year in producing crops. If it is not replaced, then your soil packs down. It becomes "stuffy" and hard to cultivate. It loses its sponginess, or porosity. Roots cannot grow readily, top growth suffers and lower crop yields result.

Several steps are necessary to get good catches of legumes. Liming, based on soil tests, is important. So is the application of fertilizer carrying phosphate and potash.

To round out a balanced soil management program and add to the organic matter supply, animal manure and crop residues should be returned to the soil.

Steel Farm Trailer

This two-wheeled farm trailer has an all-steel frame on which any type of body can be placed. Welded fabrication on the trailer frame eliminates bolts which work loose and cause rattles or breakdowns. The tongue in this trailer is attached in a way that avoids trouble in service. It was designed at Colorado A & M college.

Johnson Grass Control Termed Community Job

Johnson grass control is a community job because it requires the attention of everyone in the neighborhood, according to Purdue university. Watch for new bunches of Johnson grass that start in clean fields. Kill them by pulling or hoeing before deep roots are formed. The grass spreads both by seeds and root parts and is scattered by water, in hay, by cultivator or wind.

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Lynchburg, Virginia

'The Store of Values'

ks News

June 7.- Farmers are ... seasonal work.

... R. Iggs and son, Clai... visiting Mr. and Mrs. ... each awhile one night last ...

...mings is spending this ...Lynchburg.

... Mrs. Carl Almond and ... of Farmville, attended ...hool at Rocks Sunday.

... Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson ...n and Mrs. W. F. Ran... Annie C. Martin spent Thu... and Mrs. C. M. Evans ...e Court House.

... Ranson spent Sunday ...ld and Rodne yBeach.

... Mrs. S. S. Ranson had ... friends from near ... to spend Sunday after... them.

...aylor is helping John ...on in his house.

...ill soon be out and the ...be glad.

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...Vacation Bible School ...t Rocks on June 28th. ...ings will act as princi... teachers will assist her.

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...e Demonstration Club ...meeting with Mrs. ...win today. The attend... small.

...Mrs. Willie Dickerson ... Farmville, were ... parents, Mr. and Mrs. ...erson awhile Sunday.

...een doll today from a ... herself. She receiv... ...ts but no bones were ...rushed to Appo... ...e a doctor.

...ell Brown, of Lynch... visiting Mr. and Mrs. ... Sunday. While ...ttended Sunday School ...

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Richwood

Richwood, June 9.- Services at Wesley Chapel Church at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Ralph May left Friday for the Veterans Hospital at Richmond for a course of treatment for injuries received in the last war.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fleshman left Friday for a week's visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Lipps, in Monmouth, Ill. The Fleshman's were anxious to see the young folks before they move to California in the near future. Mrs. Lipps is the Fleshman daughter, Ruth, seriously injured in an auto wreck two years ago.

Willard Fleshman visited with William Fleshman last Friday. William has been seriously ill but is reported to be improving.

Mrs. R. E. Hicks, who has been visiting for some time with her son and daughter-in-law, in Dover, Del., has returned home, bringing her grandson, Wayne, who will make his home, temporarily, with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ramsey and children, Ennos Ramsey and Miss Elsie Ramsey were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Miss Ida Mae Irby spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Irby.

Charles Arrington and children were visiting in Roanoke Sunday.

Phone 30 with Personals.

President Benes, co-founder of Czehh Republic, resigns.

Allies urge the creation of new state of Western Germany.

Nelson County homecoming set for June 25.

GOP blocks bid to extend trade agreements.

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All-Time Champion

Above is Bess Skylark Ormsby Dora, 2388170, new all-time champion junior four-year-old Holstein for the United States, being milked three times daily. With her, on the last day of her record-smashing 365-day period, are left to right, three generations of her owners, G. F. Walters, Waterloo, Iowa; his son, Harold Walters, and his grandson, Robert Walters.

Farm Saw Frame

The table for this saw frame is an all-steel welded job which is not damaged by heavy poles. The frame at the back of the table and the safety guard were made from scrap pieces. The guard on the back of the saw also is an example of fabricating useful equipment from metal scraps with an arc welder.

Wisconsin Notes Drop In Dairy Cow Numbers

At the beginning of 1948, Wisconsin, America's greatest dairy state, had 2,580,000 cows and heifers, two years old or over, kept for milk, also 1,015,000 heifer calves and heifers one to two years old kept for milk cows. Compared with a year ago, the number of milk cows declined 51,000 and the number of young stock kept for future milk cows decreased 16,000.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, June 8.- The Rev. Sam Harwood will preach at Mathews Baptist Church on Sunday, June 13, at 11 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reynolds and C. W., Jr., of Richmond were recent visitors in the home of his aunt, Mrs. J. R. Marshall.

(Other Hixburg news, Page 7).

Stonewall

Stonewall, June 8.- Miss Lizzie Rice, of Richmond, is visiting in the home of Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

The Rev. G. E. Hughes, the new pastor of the Hebron Baptist Church field, preached a fine sermon at Hebron last Sunday. He, with his family, have moved into the parsonage. We extend to them a hearty welcome to the community.

C. C. Chick, of Danville, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. D. Carson and her family. Mrs. Carson has just returned home from the Virginia Baptist Hospital much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and two children, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Miss Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville and Thomas Jennings, of Richmond spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick last Sunday.

Miss Elsie Thornhill has returned home from Madison College, for the summer months.

Howlette Drinkard, Jr. was honor guest at a birthday party last Saturday night, in honor of his 10th birthday, given by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard. A large number of relatives and friends were present. All kinds of games were played and then they were invited into the dining room, where the table was lighted with white and green candles. The big birthday cake was cut and served with punch and other refreshments. We all hope for this fine young man many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler and Mrs. Anna Lee visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stratton part of this week.

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